

## Northern Colorado Area Plan: Ault to Cloverly Transmission Project – Construction Update

### What's Happening?

**Construction on Segment 1 is complete.** The 4.5 miles of new 230 kV transmission infrastructure between the WAPA Ault and Husky substations was installed over the summer. Xcel Energy will collaborate with the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to connect Segment 1 to the WAPA Ault substation by next spring.

**Construction on Segment 2 is underway.** Crews poured approximately one third of the concrete foundations for the 8.8 miles of new 115/230 kV double-circuit transmission line from Husky Substation to Collins Street Substation. Crews are installing conductor wire in the northern half of Segment 2. As construction progresses, you may notice lulls in activity near you, which may be due to crews changing work locations to allow for curing of concrete foundations, resource availability, permit acquisition or inclement weather conditions. Work in Segment 2 will continue into early 2024.

**Substations.** Physical construction is complete at the Cloverly Substation. Grading is complete at Husky and Collins Street substations. Physical construction to include setting steel and station equipment and pulling cables is in progress at Husky and after Thanksgiving, physical construction will begin at Collins Street. Activities at all substations will continue through spring of 2024.

Construction will pause over the Thanksgiving holiday for team members to rest and spend time with family and friends.

### What's Next?

Upcoming construction activities include:

- **Segment 1: WAPA Ault – Husky**, connecting new transmission line to WAPA Ault Substation
- **Segment 2: Husky – Collins Street**, pouring foundations, installing poles and conductor wire
- **Segments 3 and 4:** line construction to start early 2024

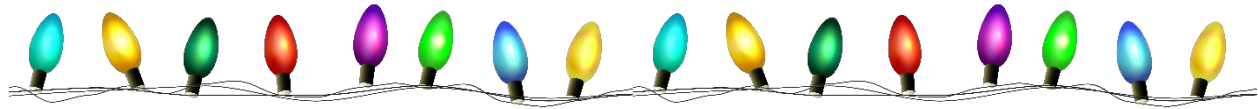


Crews prepare structure for the installation of insulators at the WAPA Ault Substation.

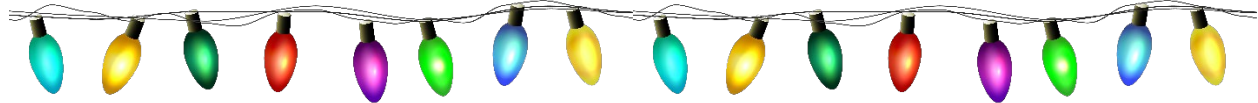


## Safety Note

**Safety is at the core of everything we do.** At work and at home. As you prepare your home for family and friends this holiday season, always practice safety when decorating. Here are safety tips for hanging holiday lights:



- Plan decorating and lighting ahead of time to reduce potential safety hazards.
- Use only Underwriters' Laboratory-approved lights and follow the manufacturer's instructions for indoor and outdoor lighting.
- Before placing holiday lights outside on homes or trees, look up to locate any overhead power lines, then keep all objects such as ladders, and extension poles more than 10 feet away. Never toss lights near or across an overhead power line.
- Check the cords on strings of lights and replace any that are frayed or worn. Discard all that are in poor condition. Also, check for loose connections and damaged plugs or light sockets.
- Plug in lights before stringing them to determine whether any bulbs are burned out.
- Unplug lights before hanging them and unplug them when asleep or away from home.
- Avoid attaching too many light strings together and plugging them into one outlet. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions for recommended maximum number of strings per outlet.
- Keep lights away from combustible materials, including draperies.
- Keep lights away from metal railings and banisters, which can become energized if the wire has a short circuit. Avoid stringing lights along aluminum siding, which can conduct electricity. Never use lights on metallic trees.
- Make sure rooftop decorations don't block vents or vent pipes.



## How to Reach Us

While this e-newsletter provides a brief construction update, the project website, [xcelenergynortherncoloradoareaplan.com](http://xcelenergynortherncoloradoareaplan.com), will also be updated regularly with the latest construction and schedule details.

We welcome your questions and comments. Contact us at **888.678.7640** or **NorthernColorado@XcelEnergy.com**. An Xcel Energy agent will respond promptly to your message.

Thank you for your patience as we work to strengthen the electric system serving you.

Kind regards,

NCAP Project Team